

## **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus for priority-based flow control in an Ethernet architecture is generally described. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, a method is presented comprising identifying a receive capability associated with one or more priority levels of Ethernet traffic for a network device, and generating a control message including a flow control priority level, the flow control priority level denoting the identified priority level above or below which the network device has the ability to receive Ethernet traffic.

EL034439618US